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Summer Library Program Heats Up in Riverside!

Riverside, California –Summer is the season for swimming, picnics, outdoor play and plenty of reading!

This year, the Riverside Public Library partnered with the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department on the Summer Lunch Program being offered at four community centers: Bobby Bonds, Lincoln, Patterson and Bordwell. The Library has scheduled the Story Mobile to visit each site once per week, bringing the Summer Reading Program and Story Time reading directly to them. With the large number of kids participating in the lunch program, reaching out to these kids for library programs is a perfect fit. Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Ralph Nunez, said, “I am very pleased with the number of meals served daily through the Summer Nutrition Program ... just under 15,000 meals in three days”.

Early reports also show that this year’s Summer Reading Program is more popular than ever with 454 kids already enrolled – an increase of 62% participation over last year! Riverside Mayor, Ron Loveridge, applauded the collaboration, “The joint effort between the Library and the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is having a positive impact on the children in our community”.

The 2011 Library Summer Reading Program provides incentives to young readers ages 2-12 and Teens aged 13-19 to become active readers during the summer season. Riverside Library works with local businesses to sponsor the incentive program. This year’s Summer Reading theme will feature “Buzz the Pirate”. The program runs June 4 through July 30.

Riverside also launched its first bilingual story time this year. For more information on the bilingual program, contact Pati DeRobles at 951-788-7305 x 45452. This special program will run through August 11.

For more information on Library programs, visit www.riversideca.gov/library.

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